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PENCE: CONFIDENT IRAQ'S WEAPONS PROGRAM WILL BE FOUND

Washington, Jun 10, 2003 - Washington, D.C.—Congressmen Mike Pence took to the House floor today to discuss claims that the Bush Administration is distorting intelligence reports on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Excerpts of his comments follow. To read Pence's full speech, please visit www.mikepence.house.gov.

"Those who would say that Saddam Hussein willingly destroyed his enormous cash of weapons of mass destruction in the five years since he expelled weapons inspectors from Iraq, are ignoring common sense and history.

"The truth is Mr. Speaker, we have to believe the worst of George W. Bush, and the best of Saddam Hussein to believe that there was not an extraordinary program of biological, chemical, and even a nascent program for nuclear weapons of mass destruction being developed within the nation of Iraq, and the capital of Baghdad.

"Facts are stubborn things, and reciting those facts that Iraq admitted to in 1991, and establishing a decade's long pattern of deception and denial confirms, as our Iraqi survey group continues to scour that country for further evidence of a WMD program.

"I remain confident as the President said yesterday that we will not only continue to find evidence of a program: the mobile labs, the biological and chemical suits, and the syringes that were found with antidotes for chemical deployments, but the day will come in the very near future, I am confident, that U.S. and coalition forces will find the elusive evidence of a program of weapons of mass destruction."

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